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SUBJECT: SULTAN QABUS VISIT - PROGRAM NOTES

REF: LONDON 16723

1. FOR LONDON: PLEASE CONTACT OMANI EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION SULTAN QABUS AND PARTY AND ARRANGE MEETING WITH OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING DETAILS SULTAN'S VISIT TO US. IF PARTY ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE, REQUEST RETRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO APPROPRIATE POST, REQUESTING CONTACT SULTAN'S PARTY. (MUNICH ALREADY INCLUDED AS CONFIDENTIAL

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INFO ADDRESSEE.)

2. PROGRAM FOR SULTAN'S PARTY PRESENTLY AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY 9 JAN - MEETING WITH PRESIDENT STILL SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 AM. WE STILL WORKING CHANGE TO LATER HOUR, WILL ADVISE SOONEST. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR HENRY E. CATTO PLAN TO MEET AT ANDREWS AFB. EXPECT SEVERAL ARAB AMBASSADORS MAY ALSO BE PRESENT. CONSONANT WITH PRIVATE NATURE OF VISIT, THERE WILL BE NO FORMALITIES OTHER THAN GREETINGS. LIMOUSINES WILL TAKE SULTAN AND PARTY DIRECTLY TO BLAIR HOUSE.

3. PRIOR WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL CALL ON SULTAN AT BLAIR HOUSE FOR INFORMAL CHAT, AND WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. SHORT PHOTO - TAKING SESSION AT BEGINNING OF MEETING.

4. NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR LUNCHEON ON JAN 9, PENDING POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TO AFTERNOON. IF MEETING IN MORNING, OMANI EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE SMALL PRIVATE LUNCHEON.

5. AFTERNOON JAN 9 KEPT FREE. IF SULTAN AND PARTY ARRIVE EARLY MORNING FOR 10:30 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, WE ASSUME AFTERNOON REST PERIOD WOULD BE WELCOME.

6. 8:00 PM JAN 9 - BLACK TIE STAG DINNER FOR 60-70 GUESTS IN SULTAN'S HONOR AT DEPT OF STATE HOSTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. ENTIRE OFFICIAL PARTY INVITED. BRIEF RECEPTION BEFOREHAND. SULTAN MAY WISH WEAR CEREMONIAL ROBES. SECRETARY WILL OFFER TOAST TO WHICH APPROPRIATE SULTAN RESPOND.

7. FRIDAY JAN 10 - 9:30 AM - LAYING OF WREATH ON TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY, FOLLOWED BY SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THE CITY. NOTE: WREATH-LAYING INCLUDED BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SULTAN. TIME IS PROPOSED AS MOST SUITABLE, BUT OTHER DAYLIGHT TIME WOULD BE QUITE POSSIBLE. ENTIRE FUNCTION FROM TIME OF DEPARTURE BLAIR HOUSE TO TIME OF RETURN WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKE ABOUT 3/4 HOUR.

8. 12:00 PM - CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE IN DEPT FOR ONE HOUR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING.

9. 3:00 PM - CALL ON SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER AT PENTAGON FOR ONE HOUR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATION ADMIRAL JAMES L. HOLLOWAY WILL ALSO BE

PRESENT.

10. 6:00 - 7:30 PM - BUSINESS SUIT RECEPTION HOSTED BY OMANI AMBASSADOR AT BLAIR HOUSE FOR ABOUT 100 GUESTS.

11. ON EITHER FRIDAY JAN 10 OR JAN 11, 1:00 PM - BUSINESS SUIT LUNCHEON FOR GUESTS IN SULTAN'S HONOR HOSTED BY CIA DIRECTOR COLBY.

13. SECRET SERVICE WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR SULTAN DURING ENTIRE STAY IN US.

14. USG (SECRET SERVICE) WILL PROVIDE ONE LIMOUSINE FOR SULTAN HIMSELF, AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. OMANI EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FOUR ADDITIONAL LIMOUSINES FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY, AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.

15. BLAIR HOUSE CAN ACCOMMODATE MAXIMUM 14 GUESTS. OMANI EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO ASSIGN ROOMS.

16. PLEASE ADVISE ZAWAWI OF FOREGOING AND REPORT COMMENTS. PLEASE ASSURE MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL HAVE BLACK TIE ATTIRE OR EQUIVALENT. REQUEST ADVISE DEPT (AND INFO MUSCAT) FOLLOWING SPECIFICS:

17. IS WREATH-LAYING DESIRED, AND IS PROPOSED FRIDAY MORNING TIMING ACCEPTABLE?

18. DOES SULTAN HAVE ANY SPECIAL SIGHTSEEING INTERESTS? TOUR WE ENVISION WOULD INCLUDE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON MONUMENT, ETC.

19. LONDON: PLEASE CONFIRM IF SULTAN'S EQUERRY LONDON
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MEMBER OF OFFICIAL PARTY. NOTE: LONDON INCLUDED IN LIST FURNISHED BY FONMIN ZAWAWI (REFTEL), BUT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD LONDON INTENDS BE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE AND DURING VISIT, BUT PLANS NOT STAY BLAIR HOUSE AND NOT PARTICIPATE ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

20. TOWNSEND: PLEASE CONFIRM IF FINANCIAL ADVISOR TOWNSEND IN PARTY. LIST PROVIDED BY FONMIN ZAWAWI (REFTEL) DID NOT INCLUDE, BUT OMANI EMBASSY WASHINGTON ADVISES TOWNSEND WILL BE IN PARTY. IF TOWNSEND IS IN PARTY, PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT JOHN DIEBOLD (CHAIRMAN, DIEBOLD GROUP, INC., NEW YORK, A LEADING US FIRM IN TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT) WOULD LIKE TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER FOR HIM IN NEW YORK DURING WEEK AFTER SULTAN'S VISIT, TO INTRODUCE HIM TO SEVERAL LEADERS OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

PLEASE ADVISE IF TOWNSEND INTERESTED. ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD TOWNSEND BE WILLING MEET JOHN DIEBOLD IN WASHINGTON DURING VISIT? (DIEBOLD, AND ABOUT TWELVE OTHER MEMBERS OF US BUSINESS COMMUNITY WILL BE INVITED TO SECRETARY'S DINNER JAN 9.)

21. AIR ARRANGEMENTS: PLEASE ADVISE NAMES OF AIR CREW, AIRCRAFT TYPE, TAIL NUMBER, CALL SIGNS, FUEL NEEDS AND ANY SPECIAL SERVICING WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.

22. SERVANTS: PLEASE GIVE US NAMES OF SERVANTS TO ACCOMPANY PARTY. THIS NECESSARY BOTH TO FACILITATE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND FOR BLAIR HOUSE. PLEASE ADVISE

WHETHER OR NOT EACH SERVANT SPEAKS ENGLISH.

23. BLAIR HOUSE: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF SULTAN AND PARTY HAVE ANY SPECIAL PREFERENCES WITH REGARD TO ASSIGNMENT OF ROOMS. NOTE: OMANI EMBASSY HAS BEEN GIVEN COPY BLAIR HOUSE FLOOR PLANS.

24. FOOD AND SUNDRIES: PLEASE ADVISE IF SULTAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY HAVE ANY SPECIAL PREFERENCES OR DISLIKES WITH REGARD TO FOOD AND DRINK. MAY WE ASSUME STANDARD ISLAMIC DIETARY RESTRICTIONS TO APPLY? IF LIQUOR AND/OR TOBACCO DESIRED, WHAT PREFERRED BRANDS? CONFIDENTIAL

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25. PARTY PARTICIPATION: PLEASE ADVISE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY SULTAN FROM OMANI PARTY ON CALLS ON (1) PRESIDENT, (2) SECRETARY OF STATE, AND (3) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. GROUP SHOULD BE RESTRICTED, AND WE RECOMMEND FONMIN ZAWAWI AND OMANI AMBASSADOR MACKI ACCOMPANY ON CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE. WE RECOMMEND THAT ZAWAWI AND LANDON (IF PART OF OFFICIAL PARTY - PARA 16 ABOVE) ACCOMPANY TO PENTAGON MEETING.

26. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS: PLEASE ADVISE IF SULTAN DESIRES ADDITIONAL MEETINGS. DO OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY DESIRE ADDITIONAL SEPARATE MEETINGS?

27. DEPARTURE: WE UNDERSTAND FROM OMANI EMBASSY SULTAN AND PARTY PLAN DEPART AFTERNOON OF JAN 11. PLEASE CONFIRM.

28. FOR MUSCAT: REQUEST ASSIST OBTAIN FOREGOING INFORMATION INsofar AS POSSIBLE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY PERSONNEL PRESENTLY IN MUSCAT.

29. FOR MUNICH: YOU INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE IN
EVENT NECESSARY CONTACT SULTAN'S PARTY DURING WINTER
ALPINE VACATION. DEPT OR EMBASSY LONDON WILL ADVISE
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